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TO: SAC, BOSTON

DATE: 11/23/59

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-64016)

SUBJECT: "GERMAN AMERICAN"
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished
reliable info in past
(conceal)

Description of Info: "German American" Arrangements
Committee meeting, 10/12/59.

Date Received: 10/12/59

Received by: SA [redacted] (orally)

Original Location: [redacted]

Info received from informant, as reflected above,
was dictated to [redacted] on 10/22/59; transcribed on
10/26/59 and authenticated by informant on 11/5/59.

A copy of informant's oral report follows:

1 - [redacted]) (ARMANDO PENHA) (INFO) (RM)
1 - [redacted] (INV) (41)
1 - NY 100-123186
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1 - NY 100-82905 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-7523 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-136799 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-128819 (CP, NYD - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (416)
1 - NY 100-128816 (CP, NYD - NATIONAL GROUPS) (416)
1 - NY 100- [REDACTED] pho., present at
[REDACTED] Polonia Club, 10/8/59, per [REDACTED] (412)
1 - NY 100-120141 [REDACTED] (424)
1 - NY 100-110110 [REDACTED] (424)

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"German American" Arrangements Committee
Meeting, October 8, 1959

On the evening of October 8, 1959, a meeting of the Arrangements Committee of the "German American" was held at the Polonia Club, 201 Second Avenue, New York City. This meeting extended from approximately 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., and the following individuals were present:

KURT SCHNEIDER
ELSA JANSEN
SOPHIE SCHILLING
RECINA BOELICKI
KARL SHELLINGER

GRETE BLODOW, prior to the meeting, briefly visited the Polonia Club to state she would be unable to attend the meeting as she necessarily had to attend a Krankenkasse meeting. BLODOW was approached by BOELICKI, who asked her if it would be possible for BOELICKI to name her as a recruit for the Communist Party. BLODOW refused to engage in any conversation regarding this matter and rushed off saying "Not now, let me have my freedom for a little while."

KURT SCHNEIDER arrived late at the meeting and he carried a bundle of mail which was directed to the "German American." Among this mail was a circulating letter with the letterhead of the Communist Party and marked "For Immediate Release." This circulating letter was an announcement

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that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER had been invited to Czechoslovakia to take a cure for his ailment and also for recreation purposes. The Communist Party letter further set out FOSTER's legal fight to travel abroad. Also in the mail directed to the "German American" was a picture post card from EDDIE EMMERICH which was postmarked in Halle/Saale, East Germany.

The purpose of the Arrangements Committee meeting was to plan and organize an affair to be sponsored by the "German American" on Saturday, October 17, 1959, at the Polonia Club.

KURT SCHNEIDER and KARL SHELLINGER engaged in a discussion on how to title the affair in the advertisements and the invitations. SCHNEIDER stated "We can not mention the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the German Democratic Republic for if we do, we may get into trouble." REGINA BOELICKI stated that inasmuch as the celebration will include photographs and recordings of Germany that it could be called "German Cultural Evening." BOELICKI commented that the ACPFB recently had planned a "Cultural Evening" but later had changed the name of their celebration to "Gala Concert" and therefore it would be feasible for the "German American" to utilize the title of "Cultural Evening for the celebration on October 17, 1959.

SCHNEIDER agreed that BOELICKI's suggestion stating the the October 17, 1959, meeting should very well be called a "Cultural Evening" as the photographs in the exhibit at the meeting would show the economic and cultural

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development of the German Democratic Republic and perhaps WILBUR BROMS could sing some German classical songs. He also asked BOELICKI if she would donate a painting to the celebration which would be auctioned off by ERIC SAENGER.

The October 17, 1959, affair was originally planned to start at 2:00 p.m. but ELSA JANSEN stated that this was early and that anyone who came at this hour would not stay for the entire evening. It was therefore agreed that the celebration would start at 5:00 p.m.

SCHNEIDER showed BOELICKI the emblem featuring the flag of the German Democratic Republic and asked her to place it on a cardboard so it could be used to decorate the Polonia Club on October 17, 1959. BOELICKI promised to bring cardboard and SCHNEIDER also suggested that the colors of black, red and gold (colors of the emblem of the German Democratic Republic) be used to decorate the hall. BOELICKI promised to buy crepe paper in these colors. SCHELLINGER volunteered to buy the paper.

ELSA JANSEN stated that she had telephoned GENE YOUNG and asked him if he would perform at the October 17, 1959, affair. JANSEN stated that YOUNG indicated he did not know if he would be free on the evening of the celebration, but that ELSA should call him again on Saturday.

Before the "German American" meeting started, ELSA JANSEN, SOPHIE SCHILLING, REGINA BOELICKI, and a Polish woman named VICTORIA RAFFKE (phonetic) had tea in

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the kitchen of the Polonia Club. BENNY MASKIEWICZ, who is an employee of the Polonia Club, came over to their table and started to flirt with REGINA. BENNY was in a slightly intoxicated condition. He told REGINA that he had a box full of currency that he desired to contribute to "The Worker" Fund Drive and he handed her a collection box which was later determined to contain \$18.98.

BENNY then showed REGINA a torn page from the "Boston American" edition of March 22, 1958, page 5. This page pictured BENNY and also one ARMANDO PENHA, who was described in the article as the undercover agent of the FBI. BENNY made reference to PENHA as a "stooge". He stated he never trusted PENHA and described him as a person who had "acted funny" and "who always wanted to know everything and to do everything--he wanted to be everywhere--I had the feeling that he was not a comrade."

BENNY stated he had warned the State Committee regarding PENHA but that they did not listen to him. He commented that when he considers the situation he now realizes how right he had been and that he knew PENHA was a "stooge" from the way he acted.

BOELICKI suggested that BENNY take better care of the newspaper clipping as it was a document that might be very valuable in a socialist state. She suggested BENNY tape it together to preserve it. The other individuals at the table read the clipping and gave it back to REGINA who promised to tape the clipping and place it in a plastic

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envelope. BENNY indicated he did not know he had retained the clipping but he had found it with other papers when he was cleaning up. It is noted the newspaper clipping referred to BENNY as the "ice man."

During the "German American" meeting, KURT SCHNEIDER asked REGINA whether money had been collected for the ABNER GREEN family. REGINA stated it had not been mentioned at the ACPFB Defense Committee Meeting. KURT stated he had been given \$25 that was collected by MAX KURZ at Camp Midvale and he desired to turn this money over for the benefit of GREEN's family.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

7/10/59

SAC, BOSTON (62-3830)

AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE
NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Rebulet to Director dated March 24, 1959.

By relet the Boston Office notified the Bureau of the creation of a new organization in New Bedford, Massachusetts known as the American Heritage Committee. In that letter was contained a statement that ARMANDO PENHA, former FBI informant, advised SA [REDACTED] on February 27, 1959 that it was he who conceived the idea of forming the American Heritage Committee and had contacted numerous prominent individuals representing civic, labor, social and industrial life in the New Bedford, Massachusetts area. Also included in that letter was a brief biographical sketch of the Chairman of the American Heritage Committee, JOSEPH P. SILVEIRA, Jr. of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

Recently the Bureau was advised, based on information from PENHA, that the American Heritage Committee contemplates in the near future offering its Freedom Book Award to the Director and, therefore, it was believed that the Bureau might desire a biographical sketch of the other officers of the American Heritage Committee. Brief biographies of the other officers are set forth below.

On June 18, 1959 while SA [REDACTED] was discussing the American Heritage Committee with [REDACTED] of the New Bedford Standard Times, the daily newspaper published in New Bedford, Massachusetts, [REDACTED] who is an SAC contact, confidentially advised that the American Heritage Committee was formed in New Bedford

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2 - Boston (1 - 62-3830)
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as a front organization for the New Bedford Standard Times. [redacted] stated that it was felt by the Editors of the paper that there were a number of things which could be done by the American Heritage Committee which the paper felt should be done, and could be done better by a separate organization than if they were proposed by the newspaper. [redacted] pointed out that was one of the reasons why another Assistant Editor of the paper, LARRY G. NEWMAN, is one of the principal officers of the American Heritage Committee in that he is a member of the Executive Committee and a member of the Youth and Educational Activities Committee. (Note: On February 27, 1959 ARMANDO PENHA did not mention the newspaper at all when he advised of the formation of the American Heritage Committee but claimed full credit for having conceived the idea himself.)

The officers of the American Heritage Committee are as follows:

JOSEPH P. SILVEIRA, Jr.

Chairman

Dr. JAMES S. MANLEY

Vice Chairman

ANNE C. FITCH

Secretary

Rev. EDWARD A. HAILES

Treasurer

Rev. EUGENE D. DOLLOFF

Executive
Committee

FOSTER R. HERMAN

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HYMAN L. NOHEL

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LARRY G. NEWMAN

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JOHN VERTEENTE, Jr.

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GEORGE J. ALEXANDER

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ARMANDO PENHA

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22 Dover St.
Fairhaven, Mass.

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Mrs. ALLAN B. STINSON

GEORGE S. BARDSLEY

RUSSELL A. NEAGUS

Executive
Committee

By-Law
Committee

Also serving on the By-Law Committee with BARDSLEY and NEAGUS are Attorney FOSTER R. HERMAN, LAURY G. NEWMAN and Mrs. ALLAN B. STINSON.

The following biographical sketches were obtained from the files of the New Bedford Standard Times, the daily newspaper published in New Bedford, Massachusetts:

The background of the Chairman, JOSEPH P. SILVEIRA, Jr. was previously submitted.

Dr. JAMES S. WANLEY, Vice Chairman, is at present Vice President of the Staff at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Massachusetts. He has an office at 319A Union St., New Bedford and resides at 150 Page St., New Bedford. He graduated from Boston College in June 1931 and from Tufts Medical School and the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, Ireland. He was married in January 1943 to ROSE O'BRIEN of New Bedford, Massachusetts. He was formerly Chairman of the medical division of Civil Defense in 1950. Dr. WANLEY is a prominent obstetrician and gynecologist.

Mrs. ANNE C. FITCH, wife of ALLEN C. FITCH, is at present the Director of Civil Defense in New Bedford and has held this office since January 3, 1955 when she was appointed to succeed CHARLES S. KELLEY, Jr. who resigned. Mrs. FITCH is a graduate of Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. At the time of her marriage to ALLEN FITCH in 1937 the latter was an employee of the Home Owners Loan Corporation and was graduated from Boston University. At the time she was appointed Civil Defense Director she had been serving as Administrative Assistant to the former Civil Defense Director for one year. On May 31, 1959 the New Bedford Standard Times saluted Mrs. FITCH for her successful guidance of the Civil Defense and Auxiliary Police in New Bedford and for developing a volunteer force outstanding in its service to the community.

Rev. EDWARD A. HAILLES came from New Brunswick, New Jersey in October 1951 to New Bedford, Massachusetts when he was called to be Pastor of the Union Baptist Church in that city. Rev. HAILLES, a native of Virginia, is a graduate of Virginia State College and Virginia Union University of Richmond. He also attended Rutgers University. He has served in New Brunswick, New Jersey where he was active in the Youth Movement in that community. He was installed as Pastor of the Union Baptist Church in New Bedford, Massachusetts on June 15, 1952. He is a former President of the NAACP in New Bedford. The Junior Chamber of Commerce in New Bedford presented Rev. HAILLES with a Certificate of Honor for outstanding citizenship on April 16, 1957. At that time he was recognized for his work in the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford, the Kiwanis Club, the NAACP, the Red Cross and the New Bedford Ministers Association.

LAWRENCE G. (LARRY) NEWMAN, according to an article in the Standard Times dated September 25, 1958 joined the Staff of this paper as Assistant to the Editor on that date. He had previously been connected with the Hearst newspapers for fifteen years. For the last ten years he was Associate Editor of the American Weekly, Sunday Supplement published by Hearst. During World War II he was a war correspondent. He saw twenty-six missions in World War II and was awarded the Medal of Freedom presented by the late Gen. HOYT VANDENBERG, Chief of the U. S. Air Force. This was the highest award ever given to a civilian. Also, NEWMAN received the Purple Heart and Air Medal with two clusters.

Rev. EUGENE DINSWORE DOLLOFF received his education at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary and received a degree of STD from Gordon College of Theology in 1931 and was a member of the faculty at Gordon College for three years. Before coming to New Bedford, Rev. DOLLOFF served at New Market, New Hampshire, Ashland, Massachusetts, Blawie Memorial Baptist Church, Dorchester and the West Medford Baptist Church where he served eighteen years prior to coming to New Bedford in 1949.

GEORGE J. ALEXANDER is presently Personnel Manager at the Cornell Dubilier Corp. a large electronic plant in New Bedford, Massachusetts. An article in the New Bedford Standard Times dated April 19, 1959 stated that GEORGE J. ALEXANDER, Chairman of the Youth and Education Committee of the American Heritage Committee, announced cash prizes to the student who submitted the winning essay on the subject "Brainwashing - The Danger - The remedy".

HYMAN L. MOHEL is Assistant General Manager of the Aerovox Electronics Corp. in New Bedford. An article in the Standard Times dated April 24, 1959 concerning the American Heritage Committee contained the photographs of three prominent citizens who were chosen to judge the entries in the American Heritage Committee Loyalty Day Essay Contest on "Brunnashing - The Danger - The Remedy". The three persons chosen were the Rev. EUGENE DOLLOFF, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Bedford, Dr. JAMES R. HAYDEN, Assistant Superintendent of New Bedford Schools and HYMAN MOHEL.

JOHN VERTEENTE, Jr. is Chairman of the New Bedford Industrial Development Commission and is also head of the New Bedford Central Labor Union which includes 42 local affiliates. He is also International Representative of the United Textile Workers, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of the New Bedford Institute of Technology.

FOSTER R. HERMAN is a member of the bar and has a law office at 5558 Pleasant St. in New Bedford. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in April 1952. He attended the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and graduated from Boston University Law School. He is General Counsel to the Young Republican National Federation and was formerly Chairman of the Massachusetts Young Republican Federation. He is a member of the American Legion and a member of the Boston West Point Society. He is former President of the Dartmouth Junior Chamber of Commerce. HERMAN ran for the office of State Senator in Massachusetts for the Third Bristol District in 1956 but was defeated. On May 3, 1959 he was married to FLORENCE ARLOOK, daughter of NATHAN ARLOOK, of Jersey City, New Jersey at New York.

Mrs. ALLAN B. STINSON (MARGARET), resides at Swift Road in South Dartmouth. Her husband, Dr. ALLAN STINSON is a graduate of Harvard Medical School, served in the Army Medical Corps in Italy during World War II and is at present a prominent physician in New Bedford. An article in the Standard Times dated June 5, 1959 stated that Mrs. STINSON was appointed a hostess at the dinner to be given in the New Bedford Hotel, New Bedford, Massachusetts to Dr. TIMOFU F. TSIANI, Free China Ambassador to the United Nations. Mrs. STINSON, according to the newspaper, was best known for her work with the Dartmouth League of Women Voters.

GEORGE S. HARDSLEY is of 195 Shawmut Ave., New Bedford, Massachusetts and employed as Service Manager of the Part Motors, Inc., 67 Middle St., Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

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RUSSELL A. NEAGUS, 61 Valentine St., New Bedford, Massachusetts is employed by the Merchants National Bank of New Bedford and is a veteran of World War II.

ARMANDO PENHA, 22 Dover St., Fairhaven, Massachusetts is former [redacted] who testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at a hearing held at Boston in March 1958. During 1959 PENHA was named Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee of the Massachusetts Department of the American Legion and as such was Chairman of a series of radio programs called "Dangers of Apathy" which were broadcast weekly over the Yankee Network News Service Station in Boston.

A check at the New Bedford Credit Bureau, Duff Building, Pleasant St., New Bedford, Massachusetts, indicated that all persons mentioned in this letter had satisfactory credit ratings.

A similar check at the New Bedford Police Department indicated that none of the persons mentioned in this letter had criminal records of any kind in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

The indices of the Boston Division have been examined with respect to the officers set forth previously with the following results:

Identical references of a non-derogatory nature were noted in connection with HYMAN L. MOHRL, Rev. EUGENE D. DOLLOFF, GEORGE J. ALEXANDER and ANNE C. FITCH.

No identical references were noted with respect to JOSEPH P. SILVEIRA, Jr., Dr. JAMES S. WAINLY, Rev. EDWARD A. HAILES, POSTER R. HERMAN, LARRY G. HENMAN, JOHN VERTEENTE, Mrs. ALLAN B. STINSON, GEORGE S. BARDLEY or RUSSELL A. NEAGUS.

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SAC (Att. SA T. P. SULLIVAN)

3/25/59

SA [REDACTED]

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP
NEW BEDFORD - FALL RIVER AREA

Re: Memo of Supervisor F. M. CONNORS, 1/30/59.

On 2/25/59, [REDACTED] advised that as far as Fall River is concerned he knew of the following persons being members of the CP:

JAMES R. REX
ERNEST AUDET
NORMAN WERNICK

and the informant himself.

Concerning REX and AUDET, Informant knows of his own knowledge that they are current members.

However concerning WERNICK's membership, [REDACTED] stated he has heard from AUDET that WERNICK is still a member.

With regard to CP membership in New Bedford, [REDACTED] advised on 2/25/59 that the only persons he knows to be CP members at present are MARY FIGUEROA and a "PAL" ROGERSON. He said he has seen MARY FIGUEROA at CP affairs and HOMER CHASE mentioned PAL ROGERSON as one who was to come to a joint meeting of Fall River and New Bedford a few weeks ago, but ROGERSON did not appear.

[REDACTED] on 2/25/59, pointed out that at a meeting of the N.E. District Committee which he attended at the home of LEWIS M. JOHNSON on 2/1/59, HOMER CHASE, the temporary organizer of the CP made the statement that he "could not report favorably on New Bedford or Springfield".

Concerning CP membership in New Bedford, ARMANDO PENNA, a former Security Informant in the New Bedford area, advised on 2/27/59 that he has no current information as to who are CP members in New Bedford at present.

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1 - Security Informant Program [REDACTED]
1 - CP, New Bedford (100-364)
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - ARMANDO PENNA [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED] (100-775)
1 - [REDACTED] (100-15635)
1 - [REDACTED] (100-17930)
1 - [REDACTED] (100-12615)

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However, based upon his experience as the Organizer of the CP in New Bedford at one time and an active member of the Party in New Bedford from 1950 to 1957, he said he felt the following individuals are probably still CP members:

DOUGLAS N. PERRY
MARY FIGUEIREDO
JOHN CORDEIRO
ROY ROGERSON
PALMEDA ROGERSON

(All of above are on SI,)

With regard to informant coverage in Fall River and New Bedford, [REDACTED] by virtue of his attendance at meetings of the New England Dist. Committee in recent months has been obtaining information not only concerning membership in Fall River but also throughout the New England area.

Since ARMANDO PENHA former Bureau informant testified before the HCUA in Boston in March 1958 it is believed there is little CP activity in the New Bedford area. This fact was brought out recently by a remark made by HOMER CHASE at a District Committee meeting on 2/1/59.

[REDACTED] has been urged to try to have a joint meeting between Fall River and members from New Bedford but he has also been urged to act cautiously so as not to expose himself and thereby create suspicion among party leaders, especially in view of the fact that he is an employee of the U. S. Government and this fact is known to the CP leadership.

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TO : SAC (100-11566)
ATT: SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOSEPH L. A. TREMBLAY
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JOSEPH L. A. TREMBLAY, also known as ALBERT TREMBLAY, was interviewed in New Bedford, Massachusetts with Bureau authority on November 28, 1958 by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. At that time TREMBLAY admitted membership in the Communist Party from 1930 up to about 1953 or as he said, "when it became illegal in Massachusetts to be a member of the Communist Party".

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100-32 (JOE FIGUEIRDO)
100-[REDACTED]
100-[REDACTED]
100-11637 [REDACTED]
100-568 [REDACTED]
100- (ELIZABETH FLYNN)
100-547 [REDACTED]
100-18908 [REDACTED]
100-14507 [REDACTED]
100-14206 [REDACTED]
100-19605 [REDACTED]
100- (HARRY FISHMAN)
100-[REDACTED]
100-15407 [REDACTED]
100-17526 [REDACTED]
100-17785 [REDACTED]
100-11770 [REDACTED]
100-20513 [REDACTED]
100-17614 [REDACTED]
100-22487 [REDACTED]
100-15261 [REDACTED]
100-[REDACTED]
100-14398 [REDACTED]
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100-24409 [REDACTED]
100-15003 [REDACTED]
100-14473 [REDACTED]
100-15635 [REDACTED]
100-14506 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (ARMANDO PENHA)

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TREMBLAY said it was JOSEPH FIGUEIRDO who was responsible for getting him, TREMBLAY, to join the Communist Party about 1930.

When asked to name people whom he knew as members of the Communist Party, he named the following: JOSEPH FIGUEIRDO, EULA FIGUEIRDO, JOY CLARK, MAUD D'HAZE (Since Deceased), Mrs. MARJORIE PROCTOR (Since Deceased), OTIS HOOD, ELIZABETH FLYNN and ANN BURLAK, and MARY FIGUEIRDO.

After naming these persons as people with whom he attended CP meetings, TREMBLAY said that his recollection was exhausted.

TREMBLAY was re-interviewed on 1/7/59 and he was again asked to name persons whom he knew as members of the CP, and he mentioned the same ones that he mentioned on the previous interview. It was then pointed out to TREMBLAY that at the HCUA Hearing in Boston in March, 1958, ARMANDO PENHA named publicly a number of persons whom he knew to be members of the CP. These names appeared in the New Bedford Standard Times, a daily newspaper, issue of March 20, 1958. The names mentioned in the newspaper of March 20, 1958 were mentioned to TREMBLAY one at a time, and he then admitted that he knew the following persons as members of the CP, and stated that he had attended CP meetings at various times with them:

ETHEL SMITH, JOHN PACHECO, LOUIS KUSHAFF, EDMUND HIRST, HARRY FISHMAN, ROSALIND FISHMAN, OLGA GARCZYNSKI, ANDREW GARCZYNSKI, JAMES BRAZ, JOHN BANDARRA, CHARLES FRATES, ROY ROGERSON, PAIMEDA ROGERSON (his wife), JOHN VIEIRA, JOHN HARRISON, ELPHEGE CARREAU, PHILIP MAMBER, ROLAND BOTELLO, JOSEPH SZOCIK, JOHN HUMENUK, JAMES REX and ARMANDO PENHA, and JOHN CORDEIRO.

Concerning the CP membership of these individuals whom TREMBLAY named, he said he could not be specific as to when they were members of the CP, nor could he give dates as to when they attended CP meetings. All he could say was that he had attended CP meetings with them. TREMBLAY said that he did not wish to testify against any person whom he named, nor did he desire to give a signed statement concerning any person whom he named, and he gave as a reason that he did not want to "hurt" himself.

It is noted that TREMBLAY is 51 years of age, a bachelor, who works as a messenger and bus boy at a restaurant in New Bedford. TREMBLAY can read and write very little, and was in special classes in grade school from the second grade until he was 16 years of age when he left school.

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TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-775)

DATE: 2/4/59

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FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

HOMER CHASE
SM-C

From: [REDACTED]

Concealment & Reliability: BS T- , who has furnished
reliable information in the past

Date & Description:

Meeting of Industrial Party
Labor group at Fall River,
Mass. 1/10/59

Date Received:

1/21/59 (Written report)

Received By:

SA [REDACTED]

Location: [REDACTED]

In view of the sensitivity of this informant the utmost
care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this
information prior to dissemination in order to protect
the identity of this informant.

The informant's written report dated January 15, 1959 is
as follows:

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[REDACTED] - [REDACTED]
100-775 - [REDACTED]
100-15615 - [REDACTED]
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100-547 - [REDACTED]
100-568 - [REDACTED]
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100-12138 - [REDACTED]
100-18271 - [REDACTED]
100-18049 - CP - New Hampshire
100-18058 - CP - Rhode Island
100-11637 - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - ARMANDO PENHA
100- [REDACTED] LNU

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"Jan. 10, 1959 - Industrial Party labor committee meeting held at Ernest Audet's house Saturday Jan. 10th at 7:00 P.M. -

"This committee comprises of selected members from Providence, Fall River & New Bedford -

"Pal & her group was unable to attend and those present at this meeting were - Homer Chace - Jim Rex - Ernest Audet - John Hovan - Walter & J.C. -

"Ernest Audet was chairman for this meeting - Homer spoke first and defended his actions at the D. C. meeting held Jan. 4, 1959 - Homer said I am a top man in New England for the Party - in fact Ann & I are - Homer said - Ann & Otis are trying to keep me on the outside they are not letting me in on what is going on in the Party - Homer said - some time ago I went to Ann & asked about the financial standing of the Party - Ann said all I have is enough to pay you for next week - of course Homer said I know they want to get rid of me but I will fight them - not for myself but because I believe in a full timer whether its me or someone else - Ann did not tell me the truth because I later found out that the City Committee which is part of the Party and which Ann is in charge of finance has \$1060.00 in treasury - now is that fair to me and other party members - I have an idea that they won't keep me after this month - Homer said when I went to Ann's house before the meeting - a Russian was there who had been a party member for many years and it was in his presence that Ann took exception to the Soviet Union attitude towards the Pasternak book and the Hungarian situation - Ann is not serving the party as it should be represented - and that is why I made those accusations at the District Committee.

"J. C. told that that he disagreed with him on the entire report as given - J. C. said how could you ask anyone to accept a report when you knew that in that report - many things were acceptable but many more were not - it applied to me and it must of applied to many more - if you broke up the report in sections as you do agendas - you would get somewhere - Homer disagreed with J.C. and said that he was right in everything he proposed - Homer said do you know that Ann - Otis - Boone - Landy - Fran - have been leaders of a large district longer than anyone has in the entire country - they are beyond criticism - if you criticize one the rest of the group will jump down your neck - J.C. -

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that is part of your report which I agree with you - John Hovan said - I believe in a change of leadership and you (Homer) were right in your report as far as I was concerned but I believe the selection of new leaders should be left to a N. E. Convention -

"Audet said completely disagreed with Homer in attitude in which his report was presented at the district meeting and said that as far as he was concerned Ann was tops - Homer said I don't dispute that but - its getting to be a closed coperation - I said - I agree with Audet - concerning Ann - because to the Party she to me is the very foundation in N. E. - but I must admit and agree with Homer that I will oppose - bureaucratic rule in the party -

"Jim Rex - said - I knew all along that the Soviet Union was right in the Pasternak book and justified in their action in Hungary - I am surprised Ann doesn't go along with that -

"Homer next reported on the National Convention and said - I voted against holding the Nat. convention in Nov. instead of June - I believe June was originally set for the Convention and I can't see gaining anything to hold the Convention in Nov. - My small group in New Hampshire voted along with me. - and I have been instructed by the Nat. Committee to record your vote for either June or Nov. John Hovan saw no point in having the convention in June if it would serve the party better to hold it in Nov. - John said he was for Nov. but would discuss it further with his group in R. I. - Homer said - F. R. can record the vote now - J. C. said O.K. by me - Audet said let us wait & discuss this further after all we don't have to give an answer until Feb. 10th - and we could give our vote result to Homer at the next D. C. meeting Feb. 1st - Rex & J.C. agreed -

"The rest of meeting was spent discussing the labor problems in the district and I reported about the latest activities in the Teamsters - about the publicity in the Providence Journal that appeared lately concerning the Teamsters - John Hovan spoke about the Textile situation claiming that the Wamsutta Mills was moving out of Mass. because there was a shortage of skill textile workers - John said that he left his daughter in Sharon for Ben Landy's Party and said he met Mary Fig. there helping out and said he spoke to her for some time - Hovan said that Mary Fig - to him that Armand Penha - was due to be dumped from his city job - Mary said that Penha was being arrogant to his superior's and one in particular a Mr. Cordeiro - She further told John that when Penha engages in an argument with his superiors - he threatens to expose them as communists.

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"Refreshments & lunch was served after the meeting - the meeting was over at 10:00 p.m. "

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If there is a photograph of the person named WALTER LNU who attended the meeting at Fall River with JOHN HOVAN on 1/10/58, it is recommended that the photograph of this individual be forwarded to SA [REDACTED] at New Bedford so that it can be shown to [REDACTED] for identification purposes.